

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the title as follows:

--MEANS ~~BUTT CONNECTION OF~~ FOR CONNECTING TWO PIPE  
ELEMENTS END-TO-END --

Please cancel the originally-filed Abstract of the Disclosure, and add the accompanying new Abstract of the Disclosure which appears on a separate sheet in the Appendix.

Please add the following new heading after the paragraph ending on line 3 of page 1:

--BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION--

Please add the following new heading after the paragraph ending on line 6 of page 2:

--OBJECTS AND SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION--

Please add the following new heading after the paragraph ending on line 28 of page 4:

--BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS--

Please add the following new heading after the paragraph ending on line 13 of page 5:

-- DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION--

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 12, line 1, with the following rewritten paragraph:

--~~CLAIMS~~ WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:--